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In re application of:

SCHUETZ and URNOVITZ

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NUCLEIC ACIDS

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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

AND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as set forth below.

Applicants submit herewith the Sequence Listing paper copy and a Sequence Listing Submission Statement requesting use of the Sequence Listing diskette submitted in the parent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.